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In re Patent Application of )  
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Application No.: Unassigned ) Examiner: Unassigned  
(Div. of 08/996,422) )  
Filed: Herewith )  
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For: CYCLOALKYL, LACTAM, )  
LACTONE AND RELATED )  
COMPOUNDS, PHARMACEUTICAL )  
COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING )  
SAME, AND METHOD FOR )  
INHIBITING  $\beta$ -AMYLOID PEPTIDE )  
RELEASE AND/OR ITS SYNTHESIS )  
BY USE OF SUCH COMPOUNDS )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits and calculation of fees, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the first paragraph of page 1 appearing under the section "Cross-Reference to Related Applications" with the following paragraph:

-- This application is a division of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/996,422 filed December 22, 1997, which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) from U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/064,851 which was converted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)(2)(ii) from U.S. Patent Application No. 08/780,025 filed December 23, 1996.--

Please insert the following paragraphs between the third and fourth full paragraphs on page 14, line 27 insert: